

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) with a body (4) including a windshield frame (2) and a roof (3) provided with a flexible cover (6) supported by a transverse support (18) in at least parts of its area, which includes a front roof area (9) and a rear area (8), which can be stored wherein the front roof area (9) is movable between an open state and a closed state such that the front roof area (9) is storable in a body recess (14), which is bounded on a rear by an edge (15) of the body (4), in the open state in the same orientation as in the closed state in a body recess (14), which is bounded on the rear by an edge (15) of the auto body (4),

characterized by the fact that the outer surface (10) of the rear roof area (8) is disposed rearward relative to the front roof area (9) is separated relative to the rear roof areas (8) lying farther rearward and the front roof area (9) and the rear roof area (8) are separated by a separation joint (7) when the roof (3) is in the closed state; provided with cover (6) and that the

wherein a rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9), at the separation joint (7), is adapted to the curvature/trend of the edge (15) of the body (4) bounding the rear of the body recess (14) on the rear when the roof (3) is in the open state;

wherein a front edge (12) of the front roof area (9) is connected to the windshield frame (2) and a rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) is connected to the rear roof area (8) when the roof (3) is in the closed state;

wherein the transverse support (18) locks to the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) when the roof (3) is in the closed state.

2. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact that a separation joint (7) between the front roof area (9) and the adjacent rear roof area (8) opens during roof storage, and that the additional roof area (8) adjacent behind the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) can then be displaced beneath the front roof area (9) when the roof (3) is in the open state.**

3. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact the front roof area (9) in the stored state of the roof (3) lies at approximately the same height with said the edge (15) that is adjacent behind the front roof area**

(9) and an additional auto body outside surface ([[1]]24) adjacent to ~~it~~the front roof area (9).

4. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that ~~the~~ remaining gap (23) between the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) and the auto body edge (15) bordering the recess is narrower than 40 millimeters.

5. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (15) of the auto body (4) bordering the auto body recess (14) extends in a curvature's trend in a top view so that ~~it~~the edge (15) includes components on the vehicle transverse sides that point in a direction of travel (F) and the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) includes components pointing in the direction of travel (F) on the sides corresponding to the curvature of the auto body edge (15).

6. (Previously presented) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that the front roof area (9) is designed essentially as a rigid assembly.

7. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that the front roof area (9) includes a plate element (11) that ~~can be fastened~~is connectable on one end to ~~the~~a windshield frame (2) and connected on the other end to the additional rear roof area (8) including the cover (6).

8. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized by the fact** that the plate element (11) includes an essentially convex shape in a top view with a cambered front edge (12) and a cambered rear edge (13).

9. (Previously presented) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized by the fact** that the plate element (11) is in one piece.

10. (Previously presented) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized by the fact** that the plate element (11) consists of a lightweight material.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (15) adjacent to the body recess (14) in parts of its areas is ~~the~~parallel to a front edge (16) of a trunk lid (17).

13. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (15) adjacent to the auto body recess (14) in parts of its areas is ~~the~~a front edge (16) of a cross bar of ~~the~~an auto body outer surface (24) arranged in front of a trunk lid (17).

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (15) adjacent to the body recess (14) in parts of its areas is ~~the~~parallel to a front edge (16) of a trunk lid (17).

16. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (15) adjacent to the auto body recess (14) in parts of its areas is ~~the~~a front edge (16) of a cross bar of ~~the~~an auto body outer surface (24) arranged in front of a trunk lid (17).

17. (New) A roof (3) that is movable between a closed state and an open state for a cabriolet vehicle (1) having a body (4), the roof (3) comprising:

a front roof area (9) extending between a front edge (12) and a rear edge (13);

a rear roof area (8);

wherein the rear roof area (8) is disposed rearward of the front roof area (9) and a separation joint (7) is defined between the rear roof area (8) and the front roof area (9) when the roof (3) is in the closed state;

a transverse support (18) extending between the front roof area (9) and the rear roof area (8);

wherein the transverse support (18) locks to the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) when the roof (3) is in the closed state.

18. (New) A roof (3), as set forth in claim 17, wherein the rear edge (12) of the front roof area (9) is connected to the rear roof area (8) when the roof (3) is in the closed state.

19. (New) A roof (3), as set forth in claim 17, wherein the front edge (13) of

the front roof area (9) is connectable to a windshield frame (2) of the body (4) when the roof (3) is in the closed state.

20. (New) A roof (3), as set forth in claim 17, wherein the rear roof area (8) is disposed beneath the front roof area (9) when the roof (3) is in the open state.

21. (New) A roof (3), as set forth in claim 17, wherein the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) is adapted to the curvature of an edge (15) of the body (4) when the roof (3) is in the open state.